

Senate Finance and Public Administration Legislation Committee

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS ON NOTICE

Finance and Administration Portfolio

Department of Human Services and agencies

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Question: HS85

Outcome 1, Output Group 1.1

Topic: Centrelink – Parenting payment (single) customers

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SENATOR EVANS asked on 26 May 2005:

- (1) For the 2002, 2003 and 2004 calendar years, please indicate the number of parents in receipt of parenting payment (single).
- (2) Please provide a breakdown of how many parents in each state and territory were in receipt of parenting payment (single) in 2002, 2003 and 2004.
- (3) Please indicate the total number of dependent children of parenting payment (single) recipients in 2002, 2003 and 2004.
- (4) In each of these years, please indicate how many of these children were (a) aged under 6, (b) aged between 6 and 12, and (c) between 13 and 16.

Answer:

- (1) The number of customers in receipt of Parenting Payment (single) for each of the specified years is as follows:

2002	2003	2004
438,190	449,935	456,534

2002 Data provided is point in time extraction as at 13 December 2002 from the Pensions Superstar database.

2003 Data provided is point in time extraction as at 12 December 2003 from the Pensions Superstar database.

2004 Data provided is point in time extraction as at 10 December 2004 from the Pensions Superstar database.

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(2) The number of Parenting Payment (single) customers for each State or Territory in the specified years is in the following table.

State or Territory	2002	2003	2004
Australian Capital Territory	5,340	5,330	5,277
New South Wales	141,575	144,761	146,926
Northern Territory	5,973	6,057	6,136
Queensland	95,972	99,021	100,321
South Australia	35,030	35,854	36,425
Tasmania	12,982	13,458	13,462
Victoria	96,032	99,018	100,920
Western Australia	45,087	46,189	46,553
Other*	199	247	514

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* Other refers to customers where the address is not attributed to a particular Australian state e.g. Norfolk Island or where the customer is temporarily overseas.

(3) The total number of dependant children of Parenting Payment (single) recipients for each of the specified years is as follows:

Year	Total number of dependant children of Parenting Payment (single) customers.
2002	752,375
2003	766,851
2004	787,919

The above data is point in time data as at 1 July 2002, 2003 and 2004. It has been sourced from adhoc SAS reports and has a different extraction date to Question 1 & 2 which has been sourced from the Superstar database.

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(4) The following table shows how many of these children were (a) aged under 6, (b) aged between 6 and 12, and (c) between 13 and 16.

Year	Children aged 0-5 years	Children aged 6-12 years	Children aged 13-16years
2002	270,747	348,133	133,495
2003	272,660	355,296	138,895
2004	275,872	364,379	147,668

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